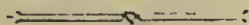


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FOR THE YEAR 1919.

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To the Chairman and Members of the Bishopthorpe  
Rural District Council.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour of submitting for your consideration my  
Report for the year 1919.

The area of the District is 5,550 acres.

The estimated civil population is 2,091.

## BIRTH-RATE.

The births registered are 22, 14 males and 8 females; 1 male  
was illegitimate. The birth-rate is 10.5 per 1,000 of the population.  
In 1918 it was 15.7. This is an exceedingly low rate.

## DEATH-RATE.

The deaths registered are 21, 10 males and 11 females, giving a  
death-rate of 10.0 per 1,000 of the population. Two of the deaths  
were non-residents. In 1918 the rate was 11.9. Nine residents  
died outside the District, thus we get a net rate of 13.1 per 1,000 of  
the population. In 1918 it was 11.9.

The Zymotic death-rate is .1.

The infantile mortality rate is .4, or a rate of 15.4 per 1,000  
births registered.

## AGES AT DEATH OF RESIDENTS WHO DIED IN OR OUTSIDE THE DISTRICT.

Under 1, 3; 1 and under 5, 2; 15 and under 25, 2; 25 and under 65, 11; 65 and upwards, 12.

## CAUSES OF DEATH.

There were 21 deaths in the District as follows:—Pneumonia, 4; Heart Diseases, 3; Cancer, 2; Bronchitis, 1; Influenza, 1; Phthisis, 1; Drowning, 1; other defined diseases, 8.

Of the 9 deaths of residents who died outside the District, 1 died of Cancer, 1 Heart Disease, 1 Influenza, 1 Premature Birth, and 5 other defined diseases.

Of the 2 non-residents, 1 died of Heart Disease, and 1 was found drowned.

## CASES REPORTED UNDER THE NOTIFICATION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES ACT.

Measles, 6; Scarlet Fever, 2; Tuberculosis, 2. Total, 10; against 12 in 1918.

MEASLES.—These occurred at Askham Richard where an epidemic broke out amongst the school children. It was of a mild type. There were no deaths.

SCARLET FEVER.—One case, an adult, was notified from Bishopthorpe. The other, which was an imported case, occurred at Dringhouses. Both were isolated at home.

TUBERCULOSIS, 2 cases.—Both were adults and both proved fatal. The first was a woman, 22 years of age, at Bishopthorpe, who was removed to a Sanatorium and died soon after her discharge from that institution. The second case was an ex-army man who had contracted the disease whilst in the army, and which proved fatal after his return home to Dringhouses.

All cases of infectious disease are visited by the Inspector of Nuisances, and the majority by myself. Precautions are taken to

prevent the extension of the disease, and when advisable cases are removed to the Isolation Hospital, Sanatorium, etc. Any sanitary defects found are attended to, and clothing, bedding, rooms, etc., are thoroughly stoved and disinfected.

## SOCIAL AND NATURAL CONDITIONS OF THE DISTRICT.

The inhabitants are chiefly occupied in farming and trades dependent thereon. There are no factories or workshops in the District of any importance. In addition to the attendance of the Poor Law Medical Officer, cases of sickness are admitted into the York County Hospital and the Poor Law Infirmary. Antitoxin is supplied free to the medical men on request.

## REARING OF INFANTS.

The Ministry of Health requests that all possible measures should be taken to lower the infantile mortality rate throughout the country. The West Riding County Council Child Welfare Sub-Committee have in hand the enormous task of providing and equipping suitable centres where parturient women can obtain medical advice and treatment free of charge, and where babies and school children will be advised upon or treated for minor ailments. Fortunately, your District is well supplied with good wholesome milk, but I would advise the Council to again have re-distributed the pamphlet by Dr. Kaye, the County Medical Officer, on the "Rearing of Infants." Much excellent advice is given therein, and if the instructions are carried out would help to keep down the infantile mortality rate which at present is highly satisfactory.

## MEDICAL INSPECTION OF SCHOOL CHILDREN.

This is carried out under the supervision of Dr. Kaye. Numerous defects are found and treated. These, if unattended to, would lead to serious results. A general improvement in the health of the school children is to be seen as the result of the systematic inspection.

## HOUSING AND TOWN PLANNING ACT.

The Council are fully alive to the requirements of the District, but the scarcity of materials and labour have retarded much progress. There is no serious shortage of houses, and the Council have under consideration a scheme that will fully meet the requirements of the District. Improvements to defective ashpits, privies, drains, etc., have had attention during the year.

## TABLES C AND D.

Tables prepared by Dr. Kaye are appended.

## WATER SUPPLY.

The villages of Dringhouses, Middlethorpe, Bishopthorpe, and Copmanthorpe are supplied from the York City Main. Askham Richard from two deep bore wells, where a good supply is obtained. Acaster Malbis is supplied from shallow surface wells, which are liable to contamination, and deep bore wells.

## DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

Public Scavenging is carried out throughout the District, with the exception of Acaster Malbis, which is under consideration. All the Schools have been brought in under this scheme. About half the houses in the area are supplied with pail or tub closets, 160 with water closets, and a number with privies and covered middens.

The sanitary inspection is carried out by the Inspector of Nuisances, and under his supervision a number of nuisances and defects have been remedied.

I am, Mr. Chairman, and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

ALWYN RAIMES, M.D.,

Medical Officer of Health.

**Table C. 1919.****Water Supply—**

- Any developments during 1919? No.  
 Any insufficiency, and where? No.  
 Any action in regard to unsatisfactory quality, and where? No.

**Drainage and Sewerage—**

- Any developments during 1919? No.  
 Developments still needed as to (a) want of sewers: (b) improvement of defective sewers. No.  
 Are there any sink wastes still needing disconnection? No.

**Closet Accommodation—**

- No. of Privies with open middens. None.  
 No. of Pail or Tub Closets. Half the houses in the Area.  
 No. of Privies with covered middens. Several.  
 No. of Water Closets. About 160.  
 Waste-water Closets. None.  
 No. of Privies re-constructed during 1919—(a) as w.c.'s None.  
 (b) other. 5 into pail closets.

**Scavenging—**

- Any change during 1919? Yes, scavenging is now done at each of the Elementary Schools in the District.  
 How is refuse disposed of? No. of loads to (a) Destructor. None. (b) Tips. None. (c) Farmers. 137 loads.  
 Total annual cost. £150.  
 Is there any inadequacy, and where? Yes, Acaster Malbis.

**Nuisance Inspections—**

- Total No. of Inspections made in 1919. 17.  
 Informal Notices served. None.  
 Statutory Notices served. 7.  
 Complied with. 6.  
 Total No. of Nuisances in hand at close of 1918. None.  
 Total No. of Nuisances in hand at close of 1919. 1.  
 Total No. of Nuisances reported during 1919. 7.  
 Total No. of Nuisances abated during 1919. 6.  
 Total No. of Summonses or other legal proceedings. None.  
 Have the Council declared any other processes to be offensive trades, e.g., Fish-frying, Maggot-breeding, etc.? No.

**Schools—**

- No. of Visits to Schools. 10.  
 Action taken. One closed for Measles. New pail closets provided at Bishopthorpe and Acaster Malbis.



## Milk Supply—

No. of samples taken by Officers of S.A. for analysis under F. and D. Acts. None.

No. adulterated. None.

No. of samples taken by Officers of S.A. for bacteriological examination. None.

What arrangement for Veterinary Inspection of dairy cows?  
Can call in a Veterinary if required.

Any instance of disease attributed to milk in 1919? No.

No. of Cowkeepers in district. 8.

No. registered. 8.

No. of Milk Sellers who are also Cowkeepers. 8.

Total No. Registered. 8.

Total No. of Cowsheds. 16.

No. of Inspections in 1919. 21.

General Condition. Fairly good.

Approximate No. of Milk Cows in District. 220.

Any insufficiency in Milk Supply? No.

Legal proceedings under D.C.M. Orders. None.

Any Inspection or other action by Districts to which Milk is sent? No.

Milk (Mothers and Children) Order, 1919. Any action? No.

## Other Foods—

No. of Slaughter-houses. 2.

No. Registered. 2.

Kind and Condition. Good.

## Infectious and other Diseases—

What diseases have been specially prevalent in 1919? Measles.

## Tuberculosis—

(1) Inspection of patient's home and workshop. Yes.

(2) Examination for contacts. Yes.

(3) Disinfection. Yes.

(4) Distribution of advice leaflets. Yes.

(5) Action re spitting. Advice given.

(6) Shelters provided. None.

(7) Is sputum examined. Yes.

## Bacteriology—

Is County Laboratory utilized? Yes.

## Infant Mortality—

What organised effort to control it? West Riding County Council Child Welfare Sub-Committee.

## Vital Statistics—

Births during 1919—Males, 14. Females, 8. Total, 22.

No. of illegitimate included in above. 1.

Deaths during 1919—(1) Gross Deaths, i.e., Total actually registered in the District without any correction. 21.

(2) Net Deaths on which the rates are calculated—Males, 10; Females, 11.

## Sanitary Staff—

What is the present Annual Salary of the M.O.H. £70.

Name of Sanitary Inspector. Robert Hagyard.

Annual Salary as Inspector. £50.

Other appointments held. Highway Surveyor.

Salary for such appointments. £90.

**Summary of Housing Work during 1919.**

Houses found not reasonably fit for human habitation. 49.

Houses for which notices were given to execute works. 9.

Houses found with defects. 47.

Houses in regard to which notices were served to remedy effects. 1.

Houses for which demolition orders were made. 1.

Houses not reasonably fit for human habitation. (Section 15) 1909,  
or (Section 28) 1919.

Houses with minor defects. (Public Health Acts). 1.

Other action in regard to housing—

Total No. of houses in district. 494.

No. of working-class houses. 389.

General standard compared with that of the Ministry of Health in Manual Vol. 1., 1919. Some of these are very poor, but are capable of improvement.

Reconstruction Schemes.—Have L.A. directed any to be prepared under Sec. 39 of 1890 Act? Under consideration.

Any scarcity of houses, if so, where? Thought not to be seriously so at present.

Any overcrowding of persons in houses, and where? One at Bishopthorpe, two at Copmanthorpe, and one at Dringhouses.

Town Planning—

Any scheme contemplated? If so, for what area? Scheme under consideration.

Name and Address of Officer designated to make inspections under Article II of Housing (Inspection of District) Regulations, 1910? R. Hagyard, Dringhouses, York.